Collapse off CGHS

473. SHRI RP. GOENKA:
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a two-part write up captioned, "CGHS Malaise, malignant, medk^tion missing" which appeared in the Hindustan Tunes dated 30th May, 2002 and 17th June, 2002 highlighting the near colapse of the Central Government Health Scheme meant primarily for its employees, Members of Parliament and some other;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the steps being taken to revitalize the Scheme or to privatize it altogether to ensure effective and efficient health care system for the 1.5 mlfon contributing beneficiaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The news items refer to the inspections conducted by the Task Force constituted by the Government to look into the functioning of CGHS dispensaries in Delhi. Based on the report of the Task Force, instructions have been issued to the CGHS dispensaries to maintain punctuality, cleanliness and responsiveness. In one case, one of the doctors has also been transferred.

(c)Tbe CGHS is a thriving organisation with increasing demands for extension of its facilities to hitherto uncovered areas, inclusion of more and more organisations including autonomous/semi-autonomous organisations under its cover. However, the GovL is not in a position to extend its services to more categories due to constraints of resources and manpower.

There is no move to private all the services under CGHS.